

AMENDED IN SENATE APRIL 20, 2009

SENATE BILL

No. 545

Introduced by Senator Cedillo

February 27, 2009

An act to amend Section 100.4 of, *and to add Section 622.2 to*, the Streets and Highways Code, relating to transportation.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 545, as amended, Cedillo. Freeway construction.

Existing law ~~authorizes~~ *requires* the Department of Transportation to construct a freeway, without an agreement with a county or city, on the route determined by the California Transportation Commission ~~enter into an agreement prior to any closure of a city street or county highway due to construction of a freeway with a city council or board of supervisors having jurisdiction. Existing law provides an exception to those provisions for a freeway segment within the jurisdiction of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, if specified requirements have been met, including that an agreement with one or more counties and cities is not possible because an impasse has existed for 10 or more years after an initial route was adopted.~~

This bill would limit this exception to construction of a segment of a freeway that consists solely of a subsurface transportation facility, as specified. The bill would ~~change that requirement to specify also require, as a condition for the exception to apply,~~ that an agreement with one or more counties and cities is not possible because an impasse has existed for 20 or more years after an initial route was adopted.

Existing law establishes State Highway Route 710 from State Highway Route 1 to State Highway Route 210 in Pasadena.

This bill would provide that State Highway Route 710 between Valley Boulevard in the City of Los Angeles and Del Mar Boulevard in the City of Pasadena may not be a surface or above-grade highway.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 100.4 of the Streets and Highways Code
2 is amended to read:

3 100.4. Notwithstanding Section 100.2, the department may
4 construct *a segment of a freeway that consists solely of a*
5 *subsurface transportation facility, excluding cut and cover*, without
6 an agreement with a county or city, on the route determined by
7 the commission, if all of the following conditions have been met:

8 (a) The freeway is included within the California freeway and
9 expressway system and a route has been adopted.

10 (b) Construction has commenced, but has not been completed,
11 leaving an existing gap between the constructed portions of the
12 freeway.

13 (c) In addition to the adopted route, there is at least one feasible
14 alternative route as determined by the department.

15 (d) A draft environmental impact report or statement has been
16 prepared on the unconstructed portion of the freeway.

17 (e) The affected freeway segment is within the jurisdiction of
18 the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority.

19 (f) An agreement with one or more counties and cities pursuant
20 to Section 100.2 is not possible because an impasse, as evidenced
21 by the lack of freeway agreements by all affected jurisdictions,
22 has existed for 20 or more years after an initial route was adopted.

23 (g) Under the conditions set forth in subdivisions (a) to (f),
24 inclusive, the commission shall hold public hearings as it may
25 deem necessary, review the draft or final environmental impact
26 report or statement, and consider the recommendation and records
27 of the authority and other documents as it may deem advisable.
28 The commission shall take into consideration all the traditional
29 factors of route selection by the state, including the question of
30 least adverse economic and physical impact on the communities
31 involved, but any previous selection by the commission or its
32 predecessor shall not be considered binding.

1 (h) The environmental impact report or statement shall examine
2 the potential impacts of alternative route alignments on the
3 communities involved. The definition and scope of these
4 communities shall reflect the sense of community of residents
5 within and immediately adjacent to the adopted route and alternate
6 route location.

7 (i) The department shall prepare a draft environmental impact
8 report or statement. The commission may hold public hearings on
9 the draft environmental impact report or statement as it deems
10 necessary. The department shall prepare a final environmental
11 impact report or statement after the completion of the public review
12 period of the draft environmental impact report or statement. The
13 commission shall select a route after the completion of the
14 environmental impact report or statement.

15 (j) If the route selected by the commission differs from a prior
16 route adopted by the commission or a prior recommendation by
17 the authority, the commission shall set forth, as a part of its decision
18 statement, the reasons for the route selected.

19 (k) For any freeway *segment* constructed pursuant to this section,
20 the department shall establish an outreach program to maximize
21 the participation of businesses and professionals from within the
22 county in which the freeway segment is located in the construction
23 of the freeway segment.

24 (l) As used in this section, “authority” means the Los Angeles
25 County Metropolitan Transportation Authority.

26 *SEC. 2. Section 622.2 is added to the Streets and Highways*
27 *Code, to read:*

28 *622.2. Route 710 between Valley Boulevard in the City of Los*
29 *Angeles and Del Mar Boulevard in the City of Pasadena shall not*
30 *be a surface or above-grade highway.*